

The Sumter Little Theatre and
the Sumter Family YMCA Present

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

Written by Barbara Robinson
Directed by Katie Damron

Dec. 7-10 and 14-17
Thurs-Sat at 7:30pm, Sun at 3pm

"Unto you a child is born"



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Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

The Cast

The Bradley Family

Bob Bradley	Pat Renshall
Grace Bradley.....	Sonja McLendon
Beth Bradley	McKenna Dubose
Charlie Bradley.....	John Ballard

The Herdman Family

Imogene Herdman.....	Jayne Dingle
Ralph Herdman.....	Ian Lovice
Leroy Herdman	Ken Ballard
Claude Herdman	Scott Harvin
Ollie Herdman	Michael Main
Gladys Herdman	Anna Kay Griffin

Youth Ensemble

Alice Wendleken	Cassie Owens
Maxine	Arden Stallings
Baby Angels.....	Breanna Bradham, Betsy Cunningham, Sarah Louise McInnis, Mary Helen Timmons
Shepherds	Bethany Knaff, Zachary Nowak
Angel Choir.....	Rosaria Bryan, Rachel Caldwell Michaela Cook, Jenna Hale, Heather Pace, Megan Wachter, Mary Peyton Zilch

Congregation

Mrs. Armstrong.....	Susan Anderson
Mrs. McCarthy.....	Terry McMoore
Mrs. Slocum.....	Mary Dolan
Mrs. Clark.....	Lauren Cunningham/Marge Cowles
Rev. Hopkins.....	Al Forbes
Fireman.....	Michaela Cook

The Production Staff

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Sumter Junior Welfare League, G&G Metal Fabrication, and all those
folks who helped out at the last minute and did not receive proper
mention

There will be a 15 minute intermission after the first act.

Cast Notes

Susan Anderson (Mrs. Armstrong) is an Assistant Principal at Sumter High School, but is not nearly as bossy as Helen Armstrong!

John Ballard (Charlie) is a third grader at Wilson Hall and is appearing in his first SLT production and says that Ken owes him two Twinkies.

Ken Ballard (Leroy) is enjoying his third appearance on the SLT stage, especially stealing his brother's lunch and not getting in trouble for it

Breanna Bradham (Baby Angel) is appearing for the first time with the SLT and is one of the best helpers in the cast!

Rosaria Bryan (Angel Choir) is a veteran of TBCPE, as this is her third time appearing in this show – maybe that's why she knows every line in the whole play!

Rachel Caldwell (Angel Choir) is 9 years old and appearing in her first SLT production.

Michaela Cook (Angel Choir/Fireman) is a senior at Wilson Hall and is an SLT superhero, transforming herself from an angel to a fireman in 30 seconds!

Marge Cowles (Mrs. Clark) is a longtime friend of the SLT, wearing (& making) many hats!

Betsy Cunningham (Baby Angel) is excited to be making her debut on the SLT stage after waiting in the wings as her sisters performed in previous renditions of TBCPE, but she assures us that this one really will be the best!

Lauren Cunningham (Mrs. Clark) has been "all the moms" in various productions of TBCPE and lends her talent to yet another one!

Jayne Dingle (Imogene) has been in two previous productions of TBCPE and is thrilled to play Imogene this year.

Mary Dolan (Mrs. Slocum) is a writer for The Item and is appearing in her first SLT production.

McKenna DuBose (Beth) has appeared twice before on the SLT stage and is excited to be playing Beth.

Al Forbes (Rev. Hopkins) is appearing in his 2nd SLT production after a memorable performance in Jitney this fall. We are thrilled to have him back!

Anna Kay Griffin (Gladys) is making her stage debut as the feisty youngest Herdman.

Jenna Hale (Angel Choir) is in 4th grade at Kingsbury Elementary and is appearing in her first SLT production.

Scott Harvin (Claude) is a 5th grader at Wilson Hall and enjoys "breaking a leg" with his stage siblings in his first SLT production.

Bethany Knaff (Shepherd) is appearing in her second production of TBCPE and is a great shepherd!

Ian Lovice (Ralph) is an SLT veteran, having graced the stage in several productions, but delivers his most mischievous performance here as a Herdman.

Michael Main (Ollie) might be the littlest Herdman, but gives a big performance as Ollie!

Sara Louise McInnis (Baby Angel) may be a baby angel in this play but the rest of the cast will always remember her as our favorite little "bon bon."

Sonja McLendon (Grace Bradley) is honored to play "mother" to this talented bunch and thankful for Scott and Sara who made up for her not playing mother at home this month!

Terry McMoore (Mrs. McCarthy) reprises her fabulous role – you won't forget her!

Zach Nowak (Shepherd) is a TBCPE veteran, appearing in it for the third time!

Cassie Owens (Alice) is 12 years old and is enjoying her role as a bossy know-it-all.

Heather Pace (Angel Choir) is appearing on the SLT stage for the second time and brings harmony to our angel choir.

Pat Renshall (Bob Bradley) is new to the SLT but has quickly captured our hearts with his warm portrayal of the multitasking father.

Arden Stallings (Maxine) brings a new enthusiasm to this narrator's role, just as she did as Babe in her first SLT production.

Mary Helen Timmons (Baby Angel) adds theatre to her long list of interests, including animals and learning to play badminton.

Meghan Wachter (Angel Choir) is new to the SLT stage but we hope to see lots more of her!

Mary Peyton Zilch (Angel Choir) is in 5th grade at Wilson Hall and is very excited about her first appearance in TBCPE – we know it won't be her last!

Joy To The World

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let Earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, heav'n and nature sing.*

*Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and flood, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love
And wonders, and wonders of His love.*

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